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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shinichi KOBAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2071
Application No.: 09/843,165 : Group Art Unit: 2824
Filed: April 27, 2001 : Examiner: Vu Anh Le

For: ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND OPERATION METHOD THEREFOR

FIFTH STATUS INQUIRY

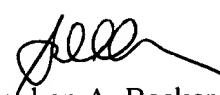
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 27, 2001. Since more than six years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before August 15, 2005 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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